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Dates to Remember

November 12	ExploraTalk
November 22	Potluck
December 4	Board Meeting
Dec. 27	Jan. <i>Bulletin</i> Deadline
Jan. 8	Board Meeting

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Reminder: January will be the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

2019 Annual President's Address

Presented October 11, 2019

WELCOME TO THE 2019 ANNUAL OBSIDIAN MEETING. I am Lyndell Wilken, the club president, and I would like to thank you on behalf of the Board for attending this evening. It is an opportunity to socialize and become familiar with what all 19 committees have been doing for you. Each committee chair will be sharing what they have accomplished in the 2019 year in a few moments.

A major accomplishment this year has been the revision of the *Acceptance of Risk and Release of Liability* statement that you read when you sign in for a trip. It has been many years since it was last updated and members Jim Northrop and Judy Giers offered their expertise in its revision.

The Obsidians are financially sound and membership remains steady.

The number of events offered by the club remained steady with some decline due to the harsh winter storms. Climbs, climb school, extended trips, summer camp and the summer and winter hikes, snowshoes, and ski trips were enjoyed by many. Potlucks, ExploraTalks, and bus trips attracted many members and guests to their planned events.

As you entered the Lodge today you were handed an index card and encouraged to write down an idea that would improve the club on into the next decade. We are living in a time of rapid change and we want to remain visible and relevant to our existing members, but also be able to attract new members. Please put your idea in the box provided if you have not already done so. These ideas will be shared with the committees and with the board.



Before I begin the annual business meeting, let me once again thank all of those that have volunteered in 2019, and I want to strongly encourage others to join in wherever they can to move the club forward with more interesting activities in 2020. With all of the statistics and thanks yet to come from each committee, don't forget, above all, there is so much laughter in our club—Obsidians have fun exploring the mountains, lakes, streams and trails, and bus byways.

Membership Renewal Reminder!

RENEW NOW SO YOU CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE 2020 MEMBER DIRECTORY—and receive the benefits of membership for the next year.

Three ways to renew:

1. Renew online with PayPal by going to your account page, where you sign in for trips.
2. Download the form from the members section of the website and mail with your check for \$30.
3. Just write your name and any contact information that has changed in the last year on a piece of paper. Mail with your check for \$30 to:

Obsidians Membership
P.O. Box 51510
Eugene OR 97405
membership@obsidians.org

Wintertime

Steve Cordon—Winter Trips Chair

OUR WINTER TRIPS SEASON IS STARTING UP (Nov 15–March 31). We aim to have a smorgasbord of adventures for you: casual urban walks, hikes, bikes, snowshoes, XC skiing and more. Make an early resolution to join us outdoors this winter.

Email wintertrips@obsidians.org if you would consider leading a trip of your own or if you have any suggestions for trips. The committee (Steve Cordon, Mike Smith, Dave Cooper, and David Lodeesen) looks forward to a great winter season with fellow Obsidians.



Daphne James earned her 25 Trip Leader Award this year.

While trips to the snow are a wonderful part of the winter season, don't forget that there are many more winter adventures awaiting. We just need leaders!

Photo by Joel Greer.

Welcome New Members!

Suzanne McQueen
Gresham, OR 97080

Erin Murphy
Eugene, OR 97401

Barbara Tomaccio
Eugene, OR 97405

2020 Board Officers

NEW OFFICERS WERE ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING. Maryanne Reiter will serve as President in 2020. Three people will continue to serve in their current positions. Dave Cooper will be Vice President, Stewart Hoeg will be Treasurer, and Denise Rubenstein will be Secretary, a non-Board member position.

Many thanks and much appreciation goes to these members who are willing to devote their time and energy to leading our organization. Thank you also to Lana Lindstrom.

Lost and Found Items

Lana Lindstrom

SEVERAL ITEMS WERE LEFT AT SUMMER CAMP, including a mesh bag with dishes and utensils. These and unclaimed potluck items are on the middle and bottom shelves of the bookcase just inside the Lodge front door. Please claim them at the November ExploraTalk (11/12) or potluck (11/22).

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Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting. There is no August meeting.

Committee Chairpersons

Bus..... Sharon Cutsforth
Climbs Maryanne Reiter
Concessions Carla Cooper
Conservation/SciEd K. Coots/J. Rolfe
Entertainment Evelyn Nagy
Extended Trips..... Lana Lindstrom
Finance Stewart Hoeg
Lodge Building Dave Cooper
Lodge Grounds John Jacobsen
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IN MEMORIAM

NORMAN BENTON 1923–2019

NORM BECAME HOOKED ON CLIMBING WHEN HE SUMMITED HIS FIRST MOUNTAIN, South Sister, in 1948. He began tackling other peaks in Oregon, Washington, and his beloved Canadian Rockies. He climbed with the Seattle Mountaineers, the Iowa Mountaineers, and eventually joined the Obsidians in 1968. He went on 180 trips including 22 summer camps. His Obsidian 50 Leader patch lists 23 climbs, three to Mt. Rainier and ten to Mt. Hood. After a fall while picking apples, he gave up climbing and led Triangulation Peak and Boca Cave each year until 2005.

He enjoyed helping young men and women learn the skills for hiking and climbing. Member Carol Scherer wrote: *My sister and I did many climbs with Norm when we were teenagers. His pictures and stories about climbing and traveling around the world probably sparked my interest in travel. The climbs helped build my confidence and persistence. Norm had a few nephews who climbed with us but all of this climbing was outside the Obsidian group. Nancy and I took the Obsidian climbing course and learned some rock climbing and glacier climbing skills from those that probably saved our lives more than once. Norm taught us a lot about ropes, knots, ice climbing (Hood), rock climbing (Smith Rocks) and endurance. We successfully climbed Mount Hood five times by three different routes with him, Mt. Saint Helens three times (before it erupted), the Three Sisters, Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Baker, Shasta and tried Mount Rainer twice but only got up to 12,000'. All of this in about a five year period while we were teenagers. Norm was always patient, mostly cautious and often humorous. He liked canned peaches, as I remember, and sometimes carried a heavy can of them to share at the top.*

Norm went on at least one trek or mountaineering expedition every year—about 84 trips, 47 to other continents. He summited the highest mountains in five continents including Denali. For many years the walls of the Lodge were graced with his vibrant photographs of his travels. He wrote of his experiences in four volumes, titled *The Adventures of Norman Benton*.

There will be a memorial service in Eugene in early June.

Editor's note: Norm's obituary is available online in The Creswell Chronicle, October 17, 2019. The November, 2006 Bulletin has a focus article on Norm.

<https://www.chronicle1909.com/story/2019/10/17/obituaries/norman-wallace-benton/2542.html>

RICHARD HEINZKILL 1933–2019

RICHARD JOINED THE OBSIDIANS IN 1977 AND LED 38 OF HIS 113 TRIPS. Two of his favorite hikes were the Opie Dilldock Loop, which he led ten times, and Black Crater, which he led seven times. He wrote in his Black Crater, July 17, 1993, trip report: *Visibility at the top was about a city block square with wisps of dark clouds swirling all about. The temperature was 48 with a good wind chill factor. Some experienced hikers took out their wool caps and gloves. After watching the clouds perform, the cold began to get to us. We decided we wouldn't be seeing much this time and started down. Just then Sharon Ritchie let out a whoop and a holler, pointed toward North Sister and there it was...the snowcapped peak with the sun shining brightly on it but framed by a hole in the swirling dark clouds. This view lasted for all of 15 seconds.*

Richard was a UO reference librarian, and his last three trips were campus explorations. He regularly bicycled or walked to work, and swam and worked out at the YMCA. Maintaining his interest in the Obsidians, he was a faithful *Bulletin* reader. Thanks to his donation, the panoramic color photograph titled *Broken Top 2008* by Tim Giraudier is displayed at the Lodge.

Richard is survived by his wife, two children, and one grandchild. A service was held October 12 at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. At the reception a variety of tempting desserts was served in honor of Richard's legendary love of sweets.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in The Register-Guard, October 13, 2019.

VIRGINIA PROUTY 1923–2019

VIRGINIA JOINED THE OBSIDIANS IN 1984 AND WENT ON 273 TRIPS, including 75 bus trips and five summer camps. She led 25 hikes, many of them to Brice Creek, Moon and Spirit Falls. She wrote this in her November 7, 1998 trip report: *Every once in a while, something happens that makes me glad to be an Obsidian. On November 7 such a happening occurred....Twelve people defied the weather to follow me, Virginia Prouty, over hike paths, city streets, the Mall, a butte, and a leaf walk along the deltas. All of this in four hours, a lovely way to spend a Saturday morning. Neighborhood walks are truly appropriate in these winter months. How about creating one in your area?*

Before it was popular to leave your car at home, Virginia walked almost every day, not just for exercise but to many destinations in and around Eugene. She was easy to recognize with her spirited stride. She would walk from her home in north Eugene to play bridge with Obsidians in south Eugene. Always with a smile, Virginia greeted people at the Secondhand Prose Bookstore at the Eugene Public Library where she volunteered for almost 20 years.

A Life-Well-Lived Celebration will be held Sunday November 10, 2:00–5:00 PM, at the Obsidian Lodge.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in The Register-Guard, October 26, 2019.

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Annual Meeting 2019

First the fun...



BEFORE THE BUSINESS MEETING BEGAN, the evening kicked off with a social as members enjoyed ice cream sundaes and visiting with friends. President Lyndell Wilken then called the meeting to order and gave her welcoming address. This was followed by the Treasurer's and committee annual reports.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT (Stewart Hoeg): The Obsidians financial position remains strong. As of September 30, our balance sheet had financial assets of \$274,000 including a Capital/Contingency fund of \$62,000, an Endowment Fund of \$91,000, and a General Fund of \$28,000. Last year at this time we had financial assets of \$246,000 including a Capital/Contingency Fund of \$62,000, an Endowment Fund of \$90,000, and a General Fund of \$25,000.

I would like to thank John Jacobsen who is responsible for keeping the books for Summer Camp, and Sharon Cutsforth and Judy Phelps who jointly take care of the books for the Bus Committee. These three individuals are responsible for providing me with their respective committees' monthly financials for including in my Board meeting financial updates.

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth): Our bus trip season got off to a bumpy start this year due to the late winter snowstorm. We had to postpone and then cancel both the Bus Rally at the Lodge and the Birding in the Klamath Basin bus trip. That left us with seven trips scheduled for the year; we have now completed five of those trips. The remaining trips are History

in Portland and Christmas Storybook Land in Albany. There is still space available on the Storybook Land trip. To date 139 people have taken part in a bus trip, 105 members and 34 nonmembers. Final numbers will be available at end of the year. We have enjoyed getting acquainted with several new people who were going on their first Obsidian bus trip this year. We have a great committee with a lot of enthusiasm and good ideas for future trips, but we really need more people to lead bus trips. Our first planning meeting for 2020 bus trips will be on October 24 at the Obsidian Lodge. Current committee members are: Sharon Cutsforth (Chair), Judy Phelps (Treasurer), Verna Kocken (Secretary), Judy Adamcyk, Tom Adamcyk, Rick Ahrens, Ethel Allen, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Marcia Claypool, Judy Garwood, Vern Marsonette, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Mary Ellen West.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee would not be able to meet its vital role in the club without the contribution of time and talent from the eight committee members: Maryanne Reiter (Chair), Brian Hamilton, Marci Hansen, Danni Harris, Marge Huseman, Danny Manning, Juli McGlinsky and Eric Gran. Thank you! **Education—Basic Climb School:** The Climbs Committee and Eugene Mountain Rescue (EMR) sponsored the 2019 Basic Climb School, which continued the long tradition of teaching safe, responsible and fun rock and snow climbing to club members and nonmembers. Climb School would not be possible without the huge support we receive from over 20 EMR and Obsidian volunteers. Thank you! This year we again increased the

number of students to 30 for climb school due to demand. And this year we offered members the opportunity to pre-register for climb school and had over half the spots filled before it went online. **Climbing Adventures:** We offered 15 summits this year including all three Sisters. There were 93 people who went on the various climbs. There were only a couple cancellations due to weather or other circumstances.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): Concessions is a fun committee to be on because we have a budget to order merchandise with, and then we get to sell this merchandise at a discount or give it away in order to promote a positive identity and publicize our club. We do have the yearly goal of making \$1000 in sales. With being present at five ExploraTalks, six potlucks, and Summer Camp, we surpassed this target by the end of September this year. This past year we have continued to give gifts to speakers at the ExploraTalks and potlucks, door prizes at the potlucks and Bus Committee functions, and at Summer Camp we held a contest and gave prizes for the Obsidians wearing the most Obsidians items. Our committee is large enough that the workload can easily be shared, and everyone has been very faithful in making sure all our events are covered. Many thanks to: Judy Adamcyk, Mari Baldwin, Keiko Bryan, Cindy Cowell, Darlene Mancuso, and Nancy Whitfield. (Judy is going off the committee and we will miss her, but if anyone else would like to get in on our fun, just let me know.)

Conservation/SciEd (Jorry Rolfe & Kay Coots): The committee has sponsored seven Lodge ExploraTalks this year and three related activities. Speakers and topics included the following: In February, Elizabeth and Daniel from the McKenzie River Trust presented on how humans and beavers help to reshape the floodplain on the Willamette. As a follow up, Trust staff provided a tour of the Green Island restoration area. In March, Matt Peterson of the Forest Service provided us with an update about 2020 permit system in the Cascades wilderness area. In April, we heard from Jason Blazer about the Buford Park Habitat Plan. Then on May 11, a group did a walking tour with a guide of the Nature Conservancy's Willamette Confluence Preserve. In May, Obsidian member

and UO professor Gordon Sayre gave a lecture about the 19th century explorer and cartographer David Thompson. This fall, UO geographer Jim Meacham spoke about his work in creating the atlas of the Yellowstone area. This coming Tuesday, October 15 OSU professor Michael Nelson will present a very interesting, relevant and amusing talk called *The Ecology of Surprise* about ecology and environmental ethics in an old growth forest. Then on Sunday, October 20 (5 days later), Dave Cooper will be leading a hike on Lookout Creek Trail located in the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest where Dr. Nelson has been the Lead Principal Investigator for this forest. Finally, look for Chandra of Oregon Wild on Tuesday, November 12 at the Lodge. She will address the topic of ancient forests, focusing on how what remains is protected, and highlight a variety of hikes while also covering natural history, flora and fauna. She will be signing her new book *Oregon's Ancient Forests: A Hiking Guide*. Many thanks to committee members: Randy Sinnott, Krista Shennum, and Pam and Ron Swisher. Just a reminder: ExploraTalks are generally held the third Tuesday of the month in the fall, winter and spring months.

Entertainment (Evelyn Nagy, Ron and Pam Swisher): The Obsidians hosted nine potlucks with programs in the past twelve months. Six potlucks were hosted by Lana Lindstrom and three were hosted by Carol Woodman. The February potluck was a summer camp rally. Approximately fifty-five people attended most programs, although Bill Sullivan had eighty-five people. Much appreciation goes to the committee members: Dave Cooper, Yuan Hopkins, Richard Hughes, Mary Livingston, Toresa Martell, Janet Soto, Esme Greer, June Sutterfield, Lana Lindstrom, and Carol Woodman.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Six official extended trips occurred this year. Two were ski and snowshoe focused: Shelter Cover and Elk Lake led by Chris Shuraleff and Lana Lindstrom respectively. Three were boating focused: North Umpqua Rafting led by Diane Schechter, Women's Kayak led by Emily Rice, and South Slough kayaking by Lana Lindstrom. One other trip was hiking on the South Coast led by Tom Rundle. \$270 in trip fees were collected. Thanks to

Then the business...





Board member-elect Steve Cordon gives his Winter Trips Committee annual report.

Extended Trip Committee members Emily Rice, Diane Schechter, Chris Shuraleff, and Chris Stockdale.

Finance (Stewart Hoeg): The Obsidian Finance Committee during the past year was responsible for putting together the 2019 budget and recommending investments for the Endowment Fund and Contingency Fund. Also, the committee completed successful 2018 audits of the general, endowment, contingency, bus and extended trip funds.

Thanks to committee members Dan Christensen, Dave Hawkins, Lana Lindstrom, Laura Osinga and Chairman Stewart Hoeg.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): We had a lot of interest in renting the Lodge this year and we quickly approached the limit of what we can make under IRS rules. We are a type of non-profit referred to as “social and recreational”. As such we can only have a limited percentage of our income from activity that is not related directly to the purpose of the club. Lodge rentals fall in that category. This rule is in place to prevent the use of a non-profit as a front for business activity. Our limit is around \$1000 per year. We’ve had rental income of \$1055 this year. It was necessary to start declining potential renters mid-year. Keeping the Lodge clean is an on-going effort. Thanks to all those that have done work to that end this year: Janet Jacobsen, Clara Emlen, Kay Coots, Denise Bean, Tom Rundle, Joel Greer; Esme Greer, Dorothy van Winkle, Karen Yoerger, Patty Morrow, Denise Rubenstein, Louie Rubenstein, Carla Cooper, Mike Smith, Mari Baldwin, Vern Marsonette, and Jane Hackett. And of course, the folks for Entertainment, CSE, and Eugene Mountain Rescue that always tidy up after their events. A special thanks to Dorene Steggell for managing the art displays in the Scherer Room. The walkways and handrails on the east side of the Lodge have been repaired and upgraded, thanks to Doug Nelson, Vern Marsonette, and John Jacobsen.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): The Obsidian Grounds Committee continued with routine maintenance and upkeep of the Lodge grounds throughout the year. Damage from the snow storm last winter was extensive requiring several work parties to clean up. The Grounds Committee in conjunction with the Lodge Building Committee completed repairs on the large gaps in the concrete deck on the east side of the Lodge,

replaced the deteriorated wood railings along the deck and stairs, and added metal handicap rails on the stairs. Thank you to the Grounds crews that have helped out including: Brad Bennett, Ben Brown, Rob Castleberry, Dave Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Brenda Kame’enui, Vern Marsonette, Doug Nelson, Jim Northrop, Dave Predeek, Pat Soussan, Sam Tracer and Nancy Whitfield.

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): All the trips and events members participated in the past year have been recorded in the log books. Members receiving trip and leader awards were notified. Log books for active, inactive, and deceased members are current. The list of deceased members was prepared for the annual meeting. The two longest continuous members are Natalie Morgan who was 19 when she joined in 1950 and Gary Kirk in 1960. Both were climbers.

Membership (Diane Schechter): This year the committee initiated an online renewal process. This was in response to members requesting this as an option. Although we had some challenges, we had 64 members renew online—17% of total renewals. We expanded the membership committee to include four new members who are sharing the responsibility of serving as greeters at the potlucks. We initiated a process to contact new members who indicated an interest in volunteering on their membership application. These members receive an email with the various volunteer opportunities followed up with a phone call. The committee continues to send all new members a new member packet. We have a total of 479 members as of October 1, 2019. A big thank you to the committee members who each take on a specific role on the committee. Many hands make for light work! Diane Schechter (Chair) Brenda Kame’enui, Daphne James, Roberta Chord, Dorothy van Winkle, Joel Greer, Denise Bean, Mary Hamilton and John Jacobsen.

Online/Webmaster (Wayne Deeter): The Online Committee provides the Club’s internet web presence, including scheduling and signups for trips, and supports the database for the Membership Committee. I thank my committee members for their help in running the Online Committee: John Jacobsen (database maintenance and development), Marci Hansen (Facebook page), and Jan Anselmo (photo albums).

Publications/Bulletin (Lou Maenz): In many ways, the Publications committee could be said to be the glue that holds the Obsidians together. Through the *Bulletin* we connect members to ongoing activities, learning opportunities, events, history, social experiences, and perhaps most importantly, to each other. The Publications Committee is divided into two parts. The first committee does the writing, editing, layout and publishing. This group works continuously throughout the month to develop the layout, text, and pictures for the *Bulletin*, this year creating an average of 18 pages each for ten issues. Thank you: Janet Jacobsen, Stewart Hoeg, Carla Cooper, Jorry Rolfe, Ethel Weltman, and Bea Fontana for your many, many hours of exacting work each month. The second group meets once a month to fold, label, sticker and mail the hard copy issues. Over the year, we produce approximately 3,000 ready-to-mail *Bulletins*. They are mailed each month from the Gateway Post Office. This group is made up of Nancy Raymond, the assistant leader, Clara Emlen, Don Baldwin, Tom Adamcyk, Yuan Hopkins, Barbara Schomaker and various hard-working substitutes. A huge thanks to all the people who make your *Bulletin* happen.

Publicity (Marci Hansen): We continue to keep current with flyers and photos on the Y Bulletin Board, Obsidian webpage, and Facebook. Thanks to Sharon Cutsforth (bus), Kathy Hoeg (potluck) and John Jacobsen for designing the flyers. Thanks to Darko for posting the flyers at places around town. Chris Stockdale continues to send the activities to *The Register-Guard*. The Monthly Events Flyer is posted on the website with 70 copies distributed to the Lodge, the Y, and new member envelopes. Our club has had 35 Get Acquainted hikes since 2010. The guests (many newly arrived in Eugene) are delighted to see the Lodge, discover the Ribbon Trail, and make new friends. Many of the new members in 2019 have started first with a Get Acquainted hike. Thanks to the many members who helped welcome the guests. Publicity also worked closely with the membership committee in 2019 to develop new incentives to bring in new members.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): The Safety Committee continued doing a monthly check of the AED batteries. First Aid Kits were resupplied and checked in February to prepare for the summer hiking season. A few supplies were replaced during the summer season. There were no major incidents during the year. Thanks to committee members Mike Smith, Maryanne Reiter, Jim Northrop, John Hegg and Dave Cooper.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): Ninety-one persons attended Summer Camp at Glacier National Park this year. By all accounts, it was a very successful camp—beautiful scenery, great hikes in good weather with interesting animal sightings, tasty food, plus flush toilets, showers, and a pavilion. What more could one want! Extra special thanks to the hike leaders, drivers, lead folks for chores, and the summer camp committee for your commitment to an exceptional camp in a very special place. \$970 in trip fees were collected. John Jacobsen is leading camp next year in the Sawtooth Mountains, Idaho, in early August.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): As of Sept 30, we have had 139 outings. When we look at the participation numbers there were 1204 members and 113 nonmembers. Our revenue so far is \$1507. Last year at this time we had completed 159 trips. Thanks to all the leaders—in particular, a core group of leaders that each led nine or more times: Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Jane Hackett, Mike Smith, Denise Bean, Janet Jacobsen, and Steve Johnson led almost 60% of all hikes.

Trail Maintenance (Matt Bell): During the past year the Trails Committee has been busy working to improve trails in Ridgeline Trail system parks. This year's highlights include: watching a large stump roll off the Ridgeline in Blanton Heights Park and working in Wayne Morse Family Farm, a developed park, for the first time. It even has actual restrooms! With volunteer time valued at \$22.75 per hour, we donated an estimated \$4641 worth of volunteer labor! 2019 Trail Maintenance Participation: outings in Spencer Butte Park: 11, outings in other Ridgeline parks: 3, Outings in other parks: 1. Participants: 74 total; 65 members; 9 nonmembers, unique participants: 22 members; 6 nonmembers. 2019 Trail Maintenance Committee: Matt Bell, Dan Gilmore, Clara Emlen, Todd Larsen, and Pat Soussan.

Winter Trips (Steve Cordon): In our last Winter Trip season, we had 104 trips (83 hikes, 8 snowshoe, 7 cross country ski, 6 bike). 18 other trips were cancelled, mostly due to weather. 917 Members and 134 Nonmembers participated, generating \$1200 in trip fees. Thanks to all that contributed. We had 29 different trip leaders, and help from an experi-

enced committee: Mike Smith, Dave Cooper, Dave Lodeesen, Daphne James, and Darian Morray. Starting November 15, we're looking to start a fresh Winter Trip season—possibly with fresh snow! Join us and lead a Winter trip.

NEW BUSINESS

Thank you to Sharon Cutsforth for her service as a Board member and to Stewart Hoeg who is completing Sharon's three-year term and to Lana Lindstrom who completes her three-year term in December.

Club members unanimously approved new Board member Steve Cordon and renewing members Lyndell Wilken and Marci Hansen.

In Memoriam: Janet Jacobsen presented the list of deceased members from 2019. With each, she shared a warm and sometimes humorous memory or quote from their trip reports and friends. Inactive Members: Allan Coons (79), Sharon Gardner Sahonchik (88), Bud Proctor (90), Ellen Tracy (92), Marc Hansen (92), Lois Morse (95), Dick Barrar (96). Members: Harriet Kelly (67), Anita Pierce (71), John Adkinson (79), Jim Duncan (81), Richard Heinzkill (86), Ray Harris (89), John McManigal (95). Obituaries can be found in 2019 *Bulletins*.

SERVICE AWARDS (Lyndell Wilken)

Winter Trail Volunteers: Presented to **Jan Anselmo, Rich Anselmo, Mike Smith, Steve Cordon, Keiko Bryan, Dave Lodeesen, John Hegg, and Scott Hovis** (not in photo).



Recipients of the Winter Trails Maintenance Snowflake award.

TRIP AND LEADER AWARDS (Janet Jacobsen)

Trip Awards: In 2002 Lenore and I manually counted each member's trips and entered the number on his/her log sheet. That first year we awarded 64 patches. I went to several nursing homes to present the patch. I remember one member couldn't remember her 100 trips so I shared the climb of Mt. Olympus I did with her. 161 members, past and present have since received a trip award. 109 of those are current members. To all of you who got up early to join Obsidians on a hike, trail maintenance, bus trip, climb, backpack, or summer camp—your experience helps the leaders and guests. Leaders don't have to worry about you! Congratulations.

100 Trips

Kathie Carpenter
 Paul Flashenberg
 Betty Grant
 Nancy Hoecker
 Michael King
 Vern Marsonette

200 Trips

Marguerite Cooney
 Pat Soussan
 Mary Ellen West
 Dorene Steggell

300 Trips

Carla Cooper
 Yuan Hopkins
 Darko Sojak

400 Trips

Jorry Rolfe

500 Trips

David Cooper
 Jane Hackett
 Dave Lodeesen

We have never awarded a 600 trips patch. Tom Rundle said, "There is no more room on my backpack."

THERE WOULD BE NO TRIPS AWARDS WITHOUT LEADERS.

Leader Awards: Sharon Ritchie who died in 2010 decided we needed leader patches to encourage people to lead. She designed the colors and did the manual counts. That was approved in 2005 and she awarded 59 patches. 109 members, past and present, have received a leader award. 64 are currently members.

25 Leader

Barbara Beard (2002) has led 25 trips including 21 bus trips—that means driving from her home in Lincoln City with trays of smoked salmon, chocolate covered strawberries and more. Her overnight bus trips—so informative—Redwoods, Lewis and Clark, Rogue River Valley, Astoria, Columbia Gorge and Mt. Hood, Oregon Coast lighthouses, eastern Washington. Four of her trips have been the July beach walks to Roads End during the lowest tide, followed by her scrumptious brunch.

Daphne James (2004) Has gone on 255 trips. She leads hikes, car camping, and snowshoeing. At home she pores over maps to find interesting places and routes to lead—Green Lakes, The Wife, Bugaboo Ridge, Mt. Hood car camping, Opal Creek, Broken Top Crater. She is a thoughtful leader who encourages all on her trips. Daphne must commune with the weather gods because here are some lines from her reports:

On a warm and sunny Tuesday.

Kick back and cool off.

Skyline opened up with a panoramic view.

Perfect trail for a warm and sunny Spring day.

The snow ceased and the sun shined bright.

We arrived at our trailhead to find sparkling white trees and fresh snow.

What turned out to be a splendidly clear and sunny day.

We had clear, blue skies as we set out from the trailhead.

75 Leader

David Cooper

Reading the list of Dave's 75 hikes is amazing. Grizzly Peak, PCT Santiam/McKenzie Passes, Three Fingered Jack/PCT, Suzanne Arlie Park, Ridgeline ten Miler, Divide Lake, Pisgah Ganderflanking, Vivien Lake plus all the Wednesday hikes and those hikes for his grandkids. Besides serving as Lodge Chair and Summer Trips Chair, a Board Member—and just keeping track of all the leaders.

Here are a few lines from his trip reports, and I know he consults many technical weather VIPs:

The skies threatened as we started our return. Rain pants on,

hoods up, and umbrellas ready.

The best, cloud-free view of Diamond Peak—on the trail about 100 yards from the parking lot.

Changing weather forecasts didn't deter us. It turned out not to be as cold as some predictions and no snow fell on us.

The five of us were undeterred by a little drizzle.

On the return it rained a little and then it hailed! Sun, rain, or hail made no difference to this hearty group.

But at the end of all of Dave's hikes: It is **CLEAR** that for him it is:

Another great day outside with a fun bunch of Obsidians!

That is true for all of us.

HUMOROUS AWARDS:

Chris Stockdale- Town Crier Award

(for ten years sending activities to *The Register-Guard*) Presented by Marci Hansen and past Publicity chairs (Mary Hamilton, Jorry Rolfe, Elle Weaver, and Janet Jacobsen).

Darko Sojak - Sand Dunes Blues Buster Award

(for eight beach cleanups and 852 pounds of trash—if each of us picks up, we can make a difference.) Presented and sung by Vicky Hanson.

Steve Johnson - 100 Mile Award

(for leading 100 miles of hikes in July 2019) Presented by Dave Cooper.

Denise Bean - Rookie of the Year

(for leading 15 hikes first year) Presented by Dave Cooper.

Janet Jacobsen - Shake and Rake

(for being an "ever-ready" raker) Presented by Mike Smith and Dave Cooper.

Carla Cooper - She Has Found Her Calling

(for being such a perfect Concessionaire) Presented by Nancy Whitfield.

Endangered Species Award

(An Obsidian Committee Chair who is grateful that there are no term limits) Presented by Janet Jacobsen to **Matt Bell** (Trail Maintenance 2010), **Stewart Hoeg** (Finance 2006), **Wayne Deeter** (Online 2004), **Lana Lindstrom** (Extended Trips 2003 to Entertainment and Summer Camp), **John Jacobsen** (Online committee 1999, five other different committees before being promoted to Grounds Chair in 2003), **Lenore McManigal** (Historian 1999).



Marci Hansen presented Chris Stockdale with a red hat and bells for the Town Crier Award in recognition of ten years of Register-Guard submissions.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS

Thank you to Rick Sanford for making ice cream arrangements with Prince Pucklers for our Sundae Bar.

SEPTEMBER BOARD NOTES

September 18, 2019

By Denise Rubenstein

Vice president Dave Cooper called the meeting to order. Board members present: Stewart Hoeg, John Cooper, Marci Hansen, Maryanne Reiter, Kathy Randall, Dave Hawkins. Others present: Denise Rubenstein, Jim Northrup, Kay Coots, Steve Cordon, Kathy Hoeg, Sharon Cutsforth, John Jacobsen.

The Board approved the minutes for July 2019.

Treasurer's Report (Stewart Hoeg): Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income, expenses, and the balance sheet. The Board approved the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): Since the last board meeting in July there have been six scheduled climbs. Of these, one climb was cancelled, and one did not achieve the summit due to weather.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): June sales of \$27 and Summer Camp sales of \$298 made our summer sales total \$325.

Conservation/SciEd (Jorry Rolfe & Kay Coots): The fall schedule of Tuesday ExploraTalks at the Lodge includes presentations by UO's Jim Meacham about wildlife migrations in Yellowstone/Wyoming (Sept. 17), by OSU's Michael Nelson about "the surprises that come to light during forest research" (Oct. 15), and by Oregon Wild's Chandra LeGue about hiking Oregon ancient forests (Nov. 12).

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): The east side handrails have been replaced and the walkway has been repaired. New handrails will be added at the steps. Special thanks to John Jacobsen for his rainy day work to get this improvement completed.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): We had a fall cleanup and maintenance (mowing, weed whacking, weeding beds) work party on September 14 to get things spruced up for the ExploraTalk and the start of other fall Obsidian Lodge activities. Seven helpers made for quick work of things. We have been making a real effort over the last several years to stay on top of the ongoing maintenance and that was evident as each year the fall cleanup after the summer hiatus has gotten less onerous with less jungle-like conditions to deal with. Thanks to Joanna Alexander, Dave Cooper, Brenda Kame'enui, Jim Northrup, Pat Soussan and June Sutterfield for their help.

Librarian/Historian (Lenore McManigal): The activity sheets for the new members have been made. The summer camp participants have been recorded, as well as the summer trips.

Membership (Diane Schechter): New members for Board approval: Laura Anderson, John Anderson, Martin Baskett, Jill Cooney, Ken Hartupee, Donna Moman, Tracy Vilhauer, and Nancy Giammatteo.

Publicity (Marci Hansen): I met with Diane Schechter. We discussed what we need to have for our next goals between publicity and membership. Nothing to report yet. I need to work with the entertainment committee and with Janet on

getting Facebook posts and overall publicity options lined up as things appear to be changing.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): The AED was checked after summer camp and returned to the Lodge.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): Ninety-one persons attended a very successful, fun Summer Camp based in Glacier National Park, St Mary, Montana. 63 stayed in the group campground and the balance mostly were at the nearby Red Eagle Motel. The weather was great; the hiking was spectacular; we saw a variety of animals; and the food was good. Having a pavilion to hang out in and socialize was appreciated. Details are in the trip report and related article in the October *Bulletin*.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): For July and August we had 54 trips. There were 423 member-participants and 47 non-members. Fees totaled \$577.

Trail Maintenance (Matt Bell): There were two outings over the past two months. We installed a ditch and culvert on the Ridgeline in Dillard-Skyline Park and replaced a rotting retaining wall along the Ridgeline in Spencer Butte Park.

NEW BUSINESS

- Conversation regarding reimbursing trip leaders for permit fees as the new Wilderness Permit system will require more permits for club hikes. A suggestion was made to reimburse leaders as soon as they pay for the permit. Also discussed was whether permit cost comes out of club funds or members on that particular hike contribute. Discussion was tabled for next month, but it was agreed that decisions need to be made at that point.
- There had been a problem with some trip leaders being unable to print out the sign up sheets—the problem has been fixed. Thanks, John Jacobsen.
- The question was raised regarding counting Summer Camp hikes for members' total numbers—also for the requirement for nonmembers looking to join the club. Currently Summer Camp hikes aren't counted individually. The Board could define Summer Camp as three hikes. That would likely require a constitutional change. Discussion on this will continue at the October Board meeting.
- There is a sale pending on property near the Ribbon Trail. John Jacobsen noted that there's nothing to be done on the issue as it's simply the sale of private property. Fortunately, the city has already obtained "right of way" access for that portion of the Ribbon Trail.
- Revised Release of Liability document drafted by Jim Northrup and Judy Giers was discussed. Several helpful suggestions were made and bandied about. Discussion notes will be shared with Lyndell and the document will continue to be reviewed.
- New members were approved.

ADJOURNMENT

OCTOBER BOARD NOTES

October 16, 2019

By Denise Rubenstein

President Lyndell Wilken called the meeting to order. Board members present: Marci Hansen, Maryanne Reiter, Dave Cooper, and Lana Lindstrom. Others present: Denise Rubenstein, Jorry Rolfe, Steve Cordon, John Jacobsen, Wayne Deeter, and Carla Cooper.

Lyndell welcomed the 2020 newly elected Board member Steve Cordon and returning member Marci Hansen.

The Board approved the minutes for both the September 2019 Board Meeting and the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Lana Lindstrom for Stewart Hoeg): Lana reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses and the balance sheet. The Board approved the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee is done sponsoring climbs for 2019.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): Sales since Summer Camp have totaled \$123.

Conservation/SciEd (Jorry Rolfe & Kay Coots): The two fall ExploraTalks were well-attended. The presentation Tuesday, Nov. 12 is with Chandra LeGue of Oregon Wild and will cover ancient Oregon forests. She will have her new book available for sale. Kay and Jorry are planning 2020 ExploraTalks.

Entertainment (Evelyn Nagy, Ron & Pam Swisher): Chris Hendon's potluck presentation on September 27 was well attended by an enthusiastic crowd. The audience enjoyed Chris's discussion about coffee chemistry and the samples of coffee brewed by Matt from Tailored Coffee. \$54 was collected.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): Twelve participants enjoyed hiking from Sunset Bay to Shore Acres and then the next day, kayaking in the South Slough near Charleston. \$70 in trip fees were transferred to the General Fund.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): Paper towels, garbage bags, and toilet paper have been purchased. Adequate supply is in place for many months.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): September 24: Thanks to Doug Nelson for pressure washing the handicap parking area. Thanks to Dave Cooper for cleaning the gutters on both the Lodge and the storage building. Thanks to Brad Bennett and

Dave Cooper for attacking the blackberries encroaching on the Lodge grounds. Thanks to Brenda Kame'enui for mowing the grass (and weeds). The leader took the opportunity to finish up work on the new wooden railings on the deck and front stairs.

Membership (Diane Schechter): New member for Board approval: Suzanne McQueen. Total membership: 480.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): The AED and summer camp first aid kits were checked.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): After all expenses were paid, the excess revenues were approximately \$1500. This was largely due to lower campground/pavilion fees and food expenses than budgeted. \$970 in trip fees was paid to the General Fund. Camp in 2020 will be led by John Jacobson in the Sawtooth Mountains near Stanley, Idaho.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Board approved the revised Release of Liability statement that was crafted by Jim Northrop and Judy Giers.
- Further discussion on the Forest Service Wilderness Permit Proposal yielded two remaining questions for the club; Lyndell will contact Matt Peterson regarding those. It was determined that the Climbs and Summer chairs will meet to discuss guidelines for fee procurement and reimbursement for trip leaders.
- John Jacobsen gave an update on the Laurel Ridge PUD as it currently stands. There is another meeting addressing citizen input and questions on 10/23. It's uncertain if we will have club representation as John suggested that we don't really have much input.

NEW BUSINESS

- John Jacobsen requested funding for tree removal and lodge grounds improvement. He researched four different options and suggested taking the bid from Highland Tree Service based on fair pricing and a very good reputation. The Board approved the request to be taken from the Contingency Fund, not to exceed \$5000.
- The Board approved Steve Cordon as an additional member of the Online/Webmaster committee.
- One new member was approved. (see Membership report)

ADJOURNMENT

In Memoriam *(Continued from page 3)*

ROBERT JONES 1923–2019

BOB AND HIS WIFE DORIS JOINED THE OBSIDIANS IN 1991, shortly after they moved to Eugene. They reinstated in 2003 and attended the 2006 summer camp at Sequim. Bob did 18 trips with the club. An avid and expert birder, his last trip was on the Sauvie Island Birding bus trip where he brought his scope to help give everyone a closer look at the birds in the water and feeding on the ground. Bob will be laid to rest beside Doris in a cemetery on a beautiful hill in the farm country of Iowa.

Editor's Note: A complete obituary can be found in The Register-Guard, October 30.

TRIP REPORTS



Backpacks

Mt. Thielsen Creek

September 20, 2019

Leader: Scott Hovis

Backpack: 16 miles, (Difficult)

TOMMY AND I HAD A NICE WINDOW OF WEATHER with no rain. We did have a frost the first night. All the trails were nicely maintained, except maybe if you'll be a skier/snowshoer in the area this winter. Some of the trails with blue diamond markers had as many as 50% of the markers on the ground. Creeks were full and the solitude was great. Our Saturday day hike was longer than we thought—not nine miles but more like 12 miles. The views of Mt. Thielsen and the valleys below were dramatic. This area is popular for horseback riding. Members: Scott Hovis, Tommy Young.



Bus Trips

Exploring the Olympic Peninsula

September 23, 2019

Leader: Sharon Cutsforth

Assistant Leader: Judy Phelps

Photographer: Holger Krentz

WHAT A FUN TRIP THIS TURNED OUT TO BE! We had a very cheerful, congenial group of people, perfect weather, spectacular scenery, and an excellent bus driver. We accomplished our goals of exploring four key points in the Olympic National Park as well as including opportunities for individual exploration and walking. Our lodging in Port Townsend, Port Angeles, and Astoria were on the waterfront. Highlights of the trip were: Hurricane Ridge—a beautiful drive to the top on a sunny day with spectacular vistas including Mount Olympus; Lake Crescent Lodge and lake—this historic lodge, built in 1915, and calm, peaceful lake invite a return trip; Rialto Beach—shows the power of the Pacific Ocean, the shore covered with piles of silver tree trunks, an unusual beach of tumbled, polished rocks, numerous sea stacks and constant waves crashing on the beach; Hoh Rain Forest—a variety of trees draped with moss, as well as stately giants invite one to follow the trails to see what is next. Even the little stream has a variety of bright green moss waving in the current.

An excellent guided tour of Port Townsend took us through downtown, uptown and historic Fort Worden. Our days in Port Townsend and Port Angeles allowed free time for walking, dining, shopping, and bicycle riding. Some folks took the ferry ride over to Whidbey Island. Points of interest in Forks



At Point Wilson Lighthouse near Port Townsend.

were: the impressive Thriftway-Mercantile-Ace Hardware stores (all in one building), if you can't find it here you probably don't need it. Forks Timber Museum has excellent displays of the timber industry and history. Next door the Visitor Center staff is enthusiastic about the community's history and being the location for the *Twilight Saga*. Driving south on Hwy 101 took us through Raymond's "wildlife sculpture corridor" where we had fun spotting steel silhouettes of birds, animals and people, rust-colored sculptures placed around town. Entering Oregon over the 4.1-mile long Astoria-Megler Bridge is always exciting with great views up and down the Columbia River. As our day came to a close we enjoyed a group pizza dinner in the meeting room with lots to talk about and share. Then in the night, the rains came. Many were awakened by the thunder, lightning, hail and hard rain; it even shut the harbor seals up for a bit. Our last day took us to the Astoria Column where several folks climbed to the top for the views and to launch their balsa wood gliders. Here they learned that wet gliders don't fly very well. Lastly we toured the Maritime Museum with its excellent maritime history displays and interesting 3D movies. Then it was on to Camp 18 at Elsie for lunch and marveling at the construction and wood carving displays. We arrived back in Eugene in the rain where we did get quite wet for the first time on the trip. Members: Judy Adamcyk, Thomas Adamcyk, Bill Arthur, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Marcia Claypool, Sharon Cutsforth, Sharon Duncan, Clara Emlen, Sharon Gadomski, Judy Garwood, Chuck Gibson, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Yuan Hopkins, Ruthy Kanagy, Holger Krentz, Pat Kubota, Sandra Larsen, Vern Marsonette, Craig Molitor, Jim Northrop, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Barbara Schomaker, Debra Schwartz. Nonmembers: Lee Altschuler, Alice Krentz, Sheila Marsonette, Marlene Boehm, John Mellott, Theresa Mellott, Red Hubbard, Lowrene Hubbard, Ann Gibson.

Chinese History in Portland

October 17, 2019

Leader: Vern Marsonette

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

AFTER FORTY-SEVEN SIGNUPS AND NINETEEN CANCELLATIONS, we finally got on the road with twenty-eight cheerful travelers and a full agenda for the day. Under cloudy skies and with fifty-degree temperatures and a threat of rain, we enjoyed our break at the Santiam rest area with coffee, cookies, brownies, and fruit supplied by the bus committee. As we

traveled north we enjoyed a PBS movie *Portland NOIR*, a Chinese history story about early Chinese settlers. Vern supplied popcorn for all as an extra treat. Upon arrival in Portland, we passed through the China Gate at 4th and Burnside, arriving at the Chinese History Museum at our assigned time for a private tour. We were greeted by our tour guides, Executive Director Jackie Pierson-Lomis, Ph.D. and Jennifer Fang, Ph.D. After dividing into two groups we were given an excellent forty-five minute tour through the museum which has just undergone a major renovation. Then it was off to lunch at the Golden Horse Restaurant for a delicious family-style lunch featuring eight separate delightful and tasty dishes. Following lunch most of our riders walked to the China Gate for a group photo op. Others remained at the bus until time to check in at the Lan Su Chinese Garden. Although the garden is not a flower garden, there are many beautiful shrubs, sanctuaries, and a small koi pond with several small bridges. Leaving the garden we traveled to 82nd Street to look for another China Gate on the east side of town. Unsuccessful in this adventure, we headed for home and enjoyed another PBS movie *Massacre at Hells Canyon*. We arrived back in Eugene about 5:30 after a full day of fun. Members: Judy Adamcyk, Thomas Adamcyk, Ethel Allen, Jane Allen, Mari Baldwin, Barbara Beard, Paul Beard, Keiko Bryan, Marcia Claypool, Sharon Duncan, Clara Emlen, Joella Ewing, Sharon Gadomski, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Vern Marsonette, Verlean McCoy, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Ken Parramore, Don Payne, Judy Phelps, Dorothy Quirk, Debra Schwartz. Nonmembers: Sheila Marsonette, Barbara Tamaccio, Pat Doveri, Terri Williams.

Green Lakes Trail

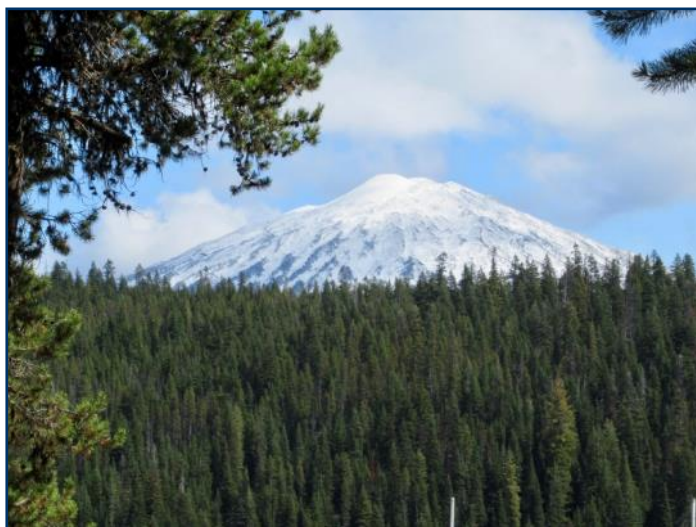
October 3, 2019

Leader: Ben Brown

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

12.2 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

THE PLAN WAS TO CAMP AT THE SODA CREEK CAMPGROUND, but we found that it had been closed. We resorted to “Plan B”, which was to camp at the nearby Devil’s Lake Campground across from the South Sister Trailhead with nice, large campsites by the lake. We were the only people in the campground. Intermittent light snow and rain commenced about 6:00 PM continuing pretty much all night. The dawn revealed a coating of snow on the ground, causing us to reconsider that day’s hike to Green Lakes and Broken Top. Due to the trail’s elevation gain, it was decided to drive to Rosary Lakes Trail at a lower elevation with less snow. It was a nice walk in the woods. While our original plans had to change, it was still a good time with a good group of folks. Members: Brad Bennett, Ben Brown, Keiko Bryan, Anne Campbell, Jacquie Fern, Nancy Hoecker, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Chris Stockdale.



View of Mount Bachelor.



Hikes

Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail

Hikes: August 3 and September 28, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

AUGUST 3: FOURTEEN MEMBERS WELCOMED TWENTY-TWO GUESTS for a very friendly morning hike from the Lodge to Hendricks Park. Thanks to Mike Smith who stayed at the Lodge and welcomed late guests, Jorry Rolfe and Dave Cooper who led the extra mile around the Lodge, Jane Hackett and Clara Emlen who were the sweeps, and for everyone who kept the conversations flowing. Guests learned about the hike from *The Register-Guard*, the flyer on the Obsidian website, and from friends. Guests not registered: John Anderson, Peter Arnold, Carl Bybee, Anne Ellsworth, Bob



Barbara Beard received her 25 Trips Leader Award.

Car Camps

Waldo Lake Weekend

September 13, 2019

Leader: Mark Hougardy

10 miles, 600 ft. (Moderate)

WE ENJOYED A GREAT TRIP TO WALDO LAKE. Members: Keiko Bryan, Consuelo Gomez, Anna Hougardy, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, David Lodeesen, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Darko Sojak, Meg Stewart Smith, Lisa Van Liefde.

Gilbert, Jane Gilbert, Elaine Holcomb, Marian Jacobs, Michael Kaplenk with wife Donna Piou, Matt Mavro, Rosy Miller Cindy Stults. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Steve Cordon, Clara Emlen, Jane Hackett, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Helen Martz, Evelyn Nagy, Margaret Prentice, Dorothy Quirk, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Mike Smith. Nonmembers: Tracy Vilhauer, Barbara Tamaccio, Ken Hartupee, Joan Kerfoot, Lisa Heap, Michael Myers, Laura Anderson, Gwen Gibbens, Zoe Cryns. **September 28:** Twelve guests joined eight members for the Ribbon Trail hike and refreshments at the Lodge. Fortunately we were in the Lodge eating apple crisp when the heavy rain flew over. People heard about the hike from friends, the website, *The Register-Guard* Outdoor section, and *Eugene Weekly*. Some had just moved to Eugene, others just retired, and some wanted to lead a healthier life style. Drop-in guests were Meredith Anderson, Yukdv Bevenshtein, Chris Borgen, Melissa Bradley, Kristen Johnson, Roddy Miller, Alan True. Thanks to members who helped welcome guests and encouraged them to participate in our activities: Joanna Alexander, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, Steve Cordon, Vicky Hanson, Janet Jacobsen, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Doug Edwards, Erin Murphy, Jessica Moll, Monica Houck, Steven Ellerhoff.

SOLVE Beach Clean Up

September 21, 2019

Leader: Darko Sojak

Photographer: Toresa Martell

Hike: 4 miles, 50 ft. (Easy)

WE HAD SUPERB SUNNY MID-70S SEPTEMBER WEATHER. Berry Creek estuary and the nearby beach are now cleaner than ever before. We collected only 46 lbs. of debris. The highlights of the day were Kathie Carpenter's close encounter with the elk, Vicky's famous mocha mini muffins, and our group lunch in Florence's Mexican restaurant. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Vicky Hanson, Holger Krentz, Toresa Martell, Kathy Randall, Cindy Rice, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Kathy Brenner, Michael Myers, Kathleen Cummings.



Beach Clean Up Crew.

Marys Peak

October 1, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 10 miles, 2,100 ft. (Difficult)

WE LEFT THE AMAZON COMMUNITY CENTER AT 8:00 and by 9:30 were on our way up North Ridge Trailhead. It took us around 2 1/2 hours to reach the top where we had views of the mountains including Mt. Rainier. We were back at the trailhead at 2:15. The trail is in excellent condition as long as one is careful to avoid being snared by the tentacle tree roots. Lush green oxalis covered the slopes along with a few clumps of small orange mushrooms matching Jean's OSU hat. Members: Jean Harris, Janet Jacobsen, Dorene Steggell. Nonmembers: Richard McManigal.

Amazon Creek Search

October 4, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3.5 miles, (Easy)

WE MET AT MARTIN STREET TRAILHEAD WHERE AMAZON CREEK LEAVES ITS FORESTED NATURAL SETTING and is then channelized through town. The twenty-six acres of the Amazon Headwaters contain three major streams feeding into Amazon Creek. A 1935 aerial photo showed the swampy area where Amazon Creek would spread out during flood stages perhaps like its namesake. Since then Eugene has cleaned up the swamp. Following the channeled Amazon Creek, we walked on the new Amazon Trail taking time to check out the new pedestrian bridges and the small creek in Tugman Park. When we reached 16th and Willamette, we said good-bye to Amazon Creek and crossed over to Newman's Fish Market for lunch. I was able to quickly renew my Honored Guest Pass before we boarded Bus #28 at 12:30 to head back to Martin Street. Members: Carla Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Nancy Whitfield.

Crabtree Valley

October 5, 2019

Leader: Darko Sojak

Hike: 7 miles, 950 ft. (Moderate)

ON A GREAT OCTOBER MORNING OUR ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP HIKED THE LUSH VERDANT TRAIL TO THE CRABTREE LAKE. Then after the lakeside hike to the group of huge trees, we stopped at Waterdog Meadow Overlook for our lunch. Next we continued west, bushwalking on an old, overgrown road and beyond through skunk cabbage and devil's club marshland to one of the world's largest known Douglas-fir trees, "King Tut". Thanks to Tom and Holger, with their tree locating GPS support. Members: Denise Bean, Marguerite Cooney, Holger Krentz, Donna Moman, Jules Moritz, Tom Rundle, Darko Sojak, Lisa Van Liefde, Janet Whitesides. Nonmembers: Alice Laffey.

Four-in-One Cone

October 7, 2019

Leader: Mike Smith

Hike: 11 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

THIS YEAR'S WEATHER WAS COMPLETELY OPPOSITE TO LAST YEAR'S RAIN AND FOG. We had bright sunshine, snow on the trail in places, but a beautiful day to be on Four-in-One Cone. We could see Mt. Hood and the northern Oregon Cascades, Yapoah Crater, Black Crater, Collier Cone, Faith and Hope (the northern Sisters), the Husband, and Scott Mountain. After lunch on top, we returned the way we came. Some spotted a Clark's nutcracker. I was sweep for 95% of the hike, which was just fine, given the recent work on a couple of Nordic Trails. Everybody got back to the cars in good shape. This

was the Fourth Annual Clare Tucker hike. Members: Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Don Doerr, Jacquie Fern, Janet Jacobsen, Bill Lowder, Tom Rundle, Mike Smith, Dorene Steggell, Diana Wheat, Paul Winther, Tommy Young.

McKenzie River Trail

October 7, 2019

Leader: Diane Schechter

Assistant, Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Photographer: Lynn Meacham

Hike: 7.6 miles, (Moderate)

WE STARTED THE DAY AT PARADISE CAMPGROUND where we set up a shuttle for our hike along the McKenzie River. We started the hike at Deer Creek on a chilly but sunny fall day. We hiked at a brisk pace along the beautiful McKenzie with many trees beginning to change color. For lunch, we stopped at Diane's cabin which was toasty warm. Lunch was followed by ice cream sundaes with three flavors of ice cream, two choices of toppings, whipped cream and nuts—a fun treat for us all. We continued on the trail and crossed the new bridge at Lost Creek. Brad had been involved with rebuilding the bridge with the Scorpions. We were fascinated with the logistics of the project and appreciative of all of the work done by the Scorpions. We ended the day at Paradise. A great group of people and a great day. Members: Linda Anson, Brad Bennett, Keiko Bryan, Sharon Friedland, David Hawkins, Lana Lindstrom, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Lynn Meacham, Evelyn Nagy, Nola Nelson, Kathy Randall, Diane Schechter, Pat Soussan.



Fall colors on the McKenzie.

Coffin Mountain

October 10, 2019

Leader & Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 5 miles, 1,470 ft. (Moderate)

A LITTLE SNOW ON THE TRAIL AND ROAD, 40 degree temperature, and fierce winds did not prevent us from enjoying the sunny day and the views of the crystal clear snow-capped mountains. Nearly blowing us off Coffin Mountain, the wind did persuade us to abandon our hike to nearby Bachelor Mountain. Instead, we slowly drove for 80 minutes down the twisty, beautiful fall-colored Quartzville Back Country Byway to Highway 20—not to be repeated. Shedding a few layers of clothing, our last stop was a much warmer and greener hike to Soda Creek Falls at Cascadia Park where we had to carefully scramble up the muddy bank under fallen trees. Thanks to Richard for driving—the hardest part of the trip! Members: Keiko Bryan, Janet Jacobsen, Richard Shields, Dorene Steggell.



Keiko Bryan demonstrates how to make a snow angel on the helicopter pad on Coffin Mountain.

Silver Falls

October 11, 2019

Leader: Denise Bean

Hike: 7.2 miles, 900 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD A DELIGHTFUL DAY OF SUNSHINE, GOLDEN YELLOW LEAVES AND FALL CRISP AIR. Two of our group had never hiked the trail; they were in awe walking behind these amazing waterfalls. The crowds were light for a fall Friday. With four speedy hikers we finished the loop in record time. A highlight was spending time in the old-fashioned gift shop and historic lodge. This is a yearly must-do hike! Members: Denise Bean, Michael Bean, Donna Moman, Denise Rubenstein.

McKenzie River Trail

October 14, 2019

Leader & Photographer: David Lodeesen

Hike: 21 miles, -1,500 ft. (Difficult)

THIS ADVENTURE STARTED WITH ALL THE PARTICIPANTS DRIVING UP TO BELKNAP HOT SPRINGS the evening before the hike to spend the night which allowed for an early start the next morning. Four of us rented a lodge room, Vern rented RV space where three stayed, and Brad rented a campsite for himself. We all gathered at Vern's RV that evening where he prepared a very nice dinner for all of us as we sat around the campfire. The next morning, we assembled at 7:30 in the lodge parking lot and drove two vehicles up to the north trailhead of the McKenzie River Trail. We started our hike at 8:00 under foggy skies with a 36-degree temperature, and no wind. Everyone agreed that the conditions were perfect for hiking on the slightly damp but not wet trail. The blending fall colors of golden-yellow to orange-red to many shades of green were a wonderful sight to behold. Hiking the lava flow past Clear Lake was dreamy in the slight fog with not a soul other than us out there. In fact, we didn't come across anyone on the trail until we arrived in the areas of Sahalie and Koosah Falls. By that time the fog had burned off and we had clear blue skies the rest of the day which made us start shedding layers as the temperatures eventually rose into the mid-50s. The small groups of sightseers diminished to zero once we passed Tamolitch Pool and got to Trail Bridge. From then

on the trail was ours. We traded off the lead position among ourselves but continued at a brisk pace since daylight is in short supply this time of year. We hiked in awe through bright fluorescent-lit tunnels of golden-yellow magnified brilliance as the sunlight filtered down through the upper canopy of the conifers onto the vine maples and big leaf maples below. You probably can experience this for only a week or two every fall season. Simply magnificent! Well, after stopping for lunch and several rest-nature-water breaks, we arrived back at Belknap Hot Springs at 4:30. After nearly 22 miles of brisk hiking, we were more than happy to see the end. Everyone made it without injury other than feeling completely exhausted. After retrieving the cars at the upper trailhead, we headed down to Rainbow and enjoyed a well deserved dinner at Takotas. Most of us were staying the night at Belknap, so after dinner we headed back for some soaking time in the hot springs pool. Then it was another campfire evening at Vern's RV site. The McKenzie River Trail this time of year is a real gem. Crowds are light and really only in the area of the falls and pool. With this being a very popular mountain biking trail, we only encountered six bikers all day. Members: Brad Bennett, Marguerite Cooney, Whitney Gould, David Lodeesen, Vern Marsonette, Lynn Meacham. Nonmembers: Kiley Marsonette, Daniel Fries.



Vern Marsonette, Lynn Meacham, and Brad Bennet on the foot bridge.

Lookout Creek Trail

October 20, 2019

Leader: David Cooper

Hike: 4.2 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

A LITTLE DAMP AND DRIZZLY BUT HEY, IT WAS A FALL DAY in what can be described as a temperate rain forest. Lots to take note of, from big cedars to tiny mushrooms. Speaking of mushrooms, there was a good variety, including a huge cauliflower mushroom. It was a large group today and we took our time on the trail. It seemed that everyone was glad to know about this little treasure not too far from town. Members: Julie Barnas, Denise Bean, Marguerite Cooney, David Cooper, Kay Coots, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Cindy Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Angie Ruzicka, Richard Shields, Darko Sojak, Dorene Steggell, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Tom Mulhern, Yolanda Mulhern.

Vine Maple Glow Amble, Amazon Headwaters

October 19, 2019

Leader & Photographer: Joanna Alexander

Hike: 2 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

UNLIKE THE WEDNESDAY RUSH UPHILL IN ORDER TO KEEP IN SHAPE, WE PROCEEDED AT LEISURE. We paused to hear the gurgle of the Amazon headwaters and the whistles of kinglets high above. We strode below towering vaults of golden bigleaf maple and through intimate tunnels of yellow and bronze vine maple. As we headed back to the start, the sun had sunk below the horizon and the leaves still held some magical light. A gathering at Jiffy Market afterward prolonged the sharing of a special evening. Members: Joanna Alexander, Marguerite Cooney, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Dorothy van Winkle, Janet Whitesides.



Jorry Rolfe, Evelyn Nagy, Janet Whitesides, Dorothy van Winkle, and Margarite Cooney enjoying the amble.

Oak Creek to McCulloch Peak

October 26, 2019

Leader: Darko Sojak

Assistant Leader: Jules Moritz

Hike: 8 miles, 2,300 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS SUNNY AND 47° WHEN WE STARTED AT THE TRAILHEAD. The whole group soon started warming up so, on the way up, we stopped three times to take layers off. Half of the hike was on a big wide gravel road; the rest was on solid yet soft forest trails. After lunch on the way back, we bushwalked a quarter of a mile to connect back to the main trail. Everyone enjoyed greatly the eight-mile hike on this mostly sunny day. It was 57° at 2:30 when we returned to the trailhead. Kudos to Jules; he was an outstanding assistant leader. On the way back, ten of us stopped at Monroe's new brew house for refreshments. Brief and simple: great time with friends. Members: Jan Anselmo, Richard Anselmo, Marguerite Cooney, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Lubos Hubata-Vacek, Brenda Kame'enui, Lynn Meacham, Jules Moritz, Jorry Rolfe, Tom Rundle, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak.

Halloween Cemeteries Walk

October 31, 2019

Leader: Dorene Steggell

Hike: 7 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

TUGMAN PARK WAS THE STARTING POINT FOR OUR WALK on city streets, nature trails, and secret neighborhood paths to Resthaven and Calvary cemeteries. With the bathrooms closed at the Wayne Morse Family Farm, we took a circuitous route to the Market of a Choice for a rest stop. Avoiding busy city streets, Jorry led us to a birthday lunch for Randy at their home. After lunch and eating kiwi fruit from their tree, we took another neighborhood path back to Tugman Park, named after the editor of *The Register-Guard* from 1927–1954. Fortunately the cold morning temperatures moved upward so that all of us could enjoy being outside. A special thanks to Jorry and Randy for hosting the luncheon. Another thanks to Joanna who added to the holiday atmosphere with her Day of the Dead costume. Members: Steve Adey, Joanna Alexander, Laura Anderson, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Nikki Frank, Janet Jacobsen, Elizabeth Koch, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Randy Sinnott, Dorene Steggell, Dorothy van Winkle, Diana Wheat.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders:

Tom Rundle (9/4) 6 members

Denise Rubenstein (9/11) 12 members, 1 nonmember (9/25) 17 members

Steve Cordon (9/18) 12 members

Mike Smith (10/2) 14 members

Michael King (10/9) 16 members, 3 nonmembers (10/30) 11 members

Jorry Rolfe (10/16) 11 members, 1 nonmember (10/23) 22 members

Mt Pisgah Hikes

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

September 12 Sunset/Moonrise 12 members, 4 nonmembers

September 22 6 miles, 1,030 ft. (Moderate) 4 members

October 12 Sunset/Moonrise 9 members

October 27 Mushroom Festival

7 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate) 15 members, 1 nonmember



Water Trips

Women's Twin Lakes Canoe/Kayak

September 17, 2019

Leader: Emily Rice

(Easy)

THREE HARDY WOMEN DROVE OVER TO THE CASCADE LAKES AREA for a two-day trip (instead of the planned three because of the very rainy, cold forecast). After checking in at our cabin at Twin Lakes, we had a pleasant late afternoon kayak at Hosmer Lake. Ducks everywhere, and

then in the last nook we paddled into, we saw two otters, one eating a fish dinner. The next day we visited Sparks Lake and got a few glimpses of fresh snow on Broken Top and South Sister. Due to the predicted bad weather, we had the lakes mostly to ourselves both days. After packing up at the resort, we decided to stop at Davis Lake on the way home. Only a little kayaking was done because the lake was very low, but we did enjoy the fall colors and views. Members: Jean Harris, Emily Rice. Nonmembers: Christi Raunig.

South Slough Kayak/Canoe

October 8, 2019

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

5 miles, 0 ft. (Moderate)

THE FOCUS OF THIS TRIP WAS TO BOAT APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILES from Charleston to the South Slough Interpretive Center. Since the trip started at 9 AM, we met at Sunset Bay State Park the day before and hiked from there to Shore Acres, also about five miles round trip. Thanks to the Skardas, we were very fortunate to be joined by two local residents who shared secret viewpoints and stories about the Simpson property. Accommodations were at Captain John's Motel and an Airbnb house. Dinner was delicious with lively conversations at the Shark Bites restaurant in Coos Bay. The next day was cool, crisp, and clear! Since its founding as the nation's first National Estuarine Research Reserve, the South Slough Reserve has been a leader in improving the stewardship and understanding of Pacific Northwest estuaries and coastal watersheds. It is managed through a partnership between NOAA and Oregon Department of State Lands. Our leader, Eric Dean, was quite knowledgeable and safety conscious. The north wind was minimal and we saw several harbor seals, eagles, egrets, blue herons, and osprey. Four persons rented their sit-upon kayaks and the rest brought their own boats. Afterwards most of us visited the Interpretive Center and then headed home. It was a fabulous trip! Members: Keiko Bryan, Richard Hughes, Ruthy Kanagy, Lana Lindstrom, Rachelle Masin, Emily Rice, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Chris Shuraleff, Randy Sinnott. Nonmembers: Joan Skarda, John Skarda.



Trail Maintenance

Illicit Trail Deconstruction

May 29, 2019

Leader: Matthew Bell

1 miles, 200 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP MET DEV FOR A PROJECT THAT WAS A NICE CHANGE OF PACE. Instead of building or repairing trail features, we got to deconstruct an illicit trail. Seemingly a small group had recently constructed, without approval of the City, a mountain bike trail while obliterating a neighborhood hiking trail. We broke into small groups of two or three people to take apart individual features. We then spread the soil from the built features back to where it had been. After a couple of hours of good progress, we called it a day and headed back to the vehicles for snacks. Members: Matthew Bell, Clara Emlen, Judy Giers, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen,

Jim Northrop, Dave Predeek, Pat Soussan, Janet Whitesides.
Nonmembers: Aaron Gentry, Jim Blanchard.

National Trails Day: Brushing

June 1, 2019

Leader: Matthew Bell

2 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

WE MET CARRIE AT THE SPENCER BUTTE TRAILHEAD to hike up the trail to cut back brush from the sides of the trail and Tie trails. We broke into two groups separating at the trail junction to brush the trailsides. We only brought along a couple of weed cutters which, for brushing, are the most useful of all of our tools. Clara cleaned the trailhead kiosk and steps. Members: Matthew Bell, John Cooper, Clara Emlen, Janet Jacobsen, Toresa Martell, Jim Northrop, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Nathaniel Bell.

Dillard-Skyline: Culvert and Drainage

July 31, 2019

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

.5 miles, 50 ft. (Moderate)

WE MET DEV AT THE SPRING BOULEVARD TRAILHEAD to install a culvert on the Ridgeline in Dillard-Skyline Park. We hiked up the trail to start our work for the evening. Pat, Janet, and Brianna dug the uphill drainage ditch to channel water to the culvert. Dan and I dug a deep trench for the culvert. After placing the culvert, Brianna operated the powered wheelbarrow bringing gravel up for us to spread over the work area. Before ending for the day, we compacted the gravel to make the trail surface more stable and durable. As always, Clara did an excellent job cleaning the trailhead kiosk. Members: Matthew Bell, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Pat Soussan. Nonmembers: Brianna Liberty.



Dan and Matt work on the culvert ditch while Dev, Brianna and Janet tackle the drainage ditch.

Ridgeline: Retaining Wall Replacement

August 28, 2019

Leader: Matthew Bell

.5 miles, 50 ft. (Moderate)

ON A VERY 'WARM' EVENING OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS MET UP WITH CITY STAFF Ivery and Michelle to replace rotting trail tread retaining wall and anchors. Dan and Larry easily peeled the rotting log away from the trail. Then the hard work of digging trenches for anchors began. The rock bar that the City staff brought along was very useful as Dan needed it to chip away at the butte to get the trenches deep enough to fully cover the peeler-core anchors. Our group made short work of setting all the peeler-cores and the City was able to resurface the trail the next day. Clara did an excellent job cleaning the kiosk and cutting back blackberries from the Fox Hollow Trailhead kiosk. Members: Matthew Bell, Larry Dunlap, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore.

National Public Lands Day

September 28, 2019

Leader: Matthew Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

2 miles, 50 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP MET UP AT WAYNE MORSE FAMILY FARM to work independently to prepare trail tread for graveling. We cleared duff and other debris from a previously graveled neighborhood connector trail, widening the trail base to about three feet. We then did the same for a one city-block-long natural surface neighborhood connector trail. Additionally, Pat and Janet W. trimmed back brush from the sides of the trail, most notably cutting back the plum that was draping down into the trail on our way in. Our group made short work of the day's tasks and enjoyed well-earned cookies, lemonade and apple crisp. Members: Joanna Alexander, Matthew Bell, Keiko Bryan, Larry Dunlap, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Dave Predeek, Pat Soussan, Janet Whitesides. Nonmembers: Nathaniel Bell.



Dave Predeek cuts trail to city standards.

AT THE LODGE



ExploraTalk

Tuesday, November 12 at 7 PM



Exploring Oregon's Ancient Forests Chandra LeGue

DRIPPING COASTAL FORESTS OF GIANT DOUGLAS-FIRS, high desert groves of massive ponderosa pines, and lush mixed conifer forests surrounding jagged Cascade peaks—Oregon's ancient forests are vital to our state's future—for clean water, climate change, wildlife, recreation, and so much more. Chandra LeGue, Western Oregon Field Coordinator for Oregon Wild, has published just the guide to help you get to know and love these incredible places: *Oregon's Ancient Forests: A Hiking Guide*. Copies will be for sale at the talk!

Chandra will talk about some of the fundamentals of these forests—what makes an ancient forest, what types exist in Oregon, where they are, who manages them, why so few still survive, and what threats they continue to face. She'll also highlight a variety of the hiking experiences found in the book, covering natural history, human history, flora and fauna, so you come away with a better understanding of these complex ecosystems and their extraordinary value.



POTLUCK

Friday, November 22 at 6:30 PM

Hiking the Wallawas Jeff Carr and Ela Schmidt



COME JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 22 FOR A HIKING AND CLIMBING PRESENTATION on the Wallowa Mountains. Jeff Carr and Ela Schmidt are currently working on their climbing guidebook for that region and would like to share those experiences with you. If you have ever wanted to hike in the Oregon Alps, then this will be an evening well spent.

Potluck

Friday, November 22, 2019

Obsidian Lodge

Potluck, 6:30 PM Program, 7:30 PM

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...along with your own plates, utensils and cups... and \$1 to help cover club expenses.

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

November

11 Mon Veterans Day Hike Hike ELodeesen 214-709-0352
 11 Mon Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M.....Jacobsen 206-1251
 12 Tue Hiking Oregon Ancient ForestsExploraTalk
 13 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M Cooper 868-5427
 14 Thu Blanton Ridge Hike E..... Cooper 868-5427
 16 Sat Creswell Loop Bike E.....Hughes 933-5542
 17 Sun Larison Rock Hike D Smith 520-488-9569
 20 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M Cordon 513-3452
 22 Fri Wallows/Elkhorn Mountains Potluck
 23 Sat Brownsville Loop Bike M Hughes 933-5542
 27 Wed Amazon /Spencer Butte Hike M..... Rubenstein 248-514-5092
 29 Fri Turkey Trimming Hike MLindstrom 683-1409
 30 Sat Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M..... Bell 503-884-8829

December

4 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M .. Smith 520-488-9569
 6 Fri Stocking Stuffer Hike & Lunch Hike EJacobsen 206-1251
 9 Mon Christmas Storybook Land BusBeard 994-2337
 9 Thu Cape Lookout Cabins Ext Trp M..... Nagy 514-4110
 11 Wed Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M..... Jacobsen 206-1251
 11 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M Cordon 513-3452

18 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M . Marsonette 600-5332
 20 Fri Food For Lane County Hike M..... Rundle 653-0741
 21 Sat Mt. Pisgah Winter Solstice Hike MJacobsen 206-1251
 22 Sun Midnight Lake Xski M Wolling 345-2110

January

1 Wed New Year's Day - Butte - Short Hike E.....Jacobsen 206-1251
 1 Wed New Year's Day - Butte - Med Hike M..... Cordon 513-3452
 1 Wed New Year's Day - Butte - Long Hike M.. Smith 520-488-9569
 8 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M... Lindstrom 683-1409
 9 Thu Cape Lookout Cabins Ext Trp M..... Nagy 514-4110
 12 Sun Carl G. Washburne Loop Hike E Sojak 799-9199
 15 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M..... Cordon 513-3452
 22 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M..... Steggell 343-7018
 29 Wed Amazon Hdwtrs/Spencer Butte Hike M..... Rundle 653-0741
 31 Fri New Hikes in OR & WA Potluck

February

2 Sun Groundhog Day Hike MJacobsen 206-1251
 14 Fri Oregon's Birthday Hike MJacobsen 206-1251
 28 Fri Biking in Mongolia Potluck

Be sure to check online for the most recent additions to the activity calendar!

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Bus Trip

Online sign up is now available for all Bus Trips

CHRISTMAS STORYBOOK LAND IN ALBANY

December 12 (Mon)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$78 (\$80 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Adamcyk 302-8160

NOTE LATER DEPARTURE TIME

Load bus at Shopko, 12:15 PM., depart 12:30

TRAVEL I-5 NORTH TO ALBANY FAIRGROUNDS for our 2:00 PM tour of Storybook Land. Afterward we will travel to Corvallis for dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the Willamette River (cost included). Returning home via Highway 99, we should arrive at approximately 9:00 PM.

Separate Note: When paying for bus trips, each bus trip requires a separate check. Please make checks payable to *Obsidian Bus Trips* and indicate the trip it covers. Thank you!

Bus Trip information will also be posted on the Obsidians home page: www.obsidians.org

This is the last Obsidian bus trip for 2019. We are now planning trips for 2020. If you are interested in helping with the process, please let me know.

Contact information: bustrips@obsidians.org

Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929



Tis the Season...To Show Obsidians Care



Stocking Stuffer Hike & Lunch
Friday, December 6, 10:00 AM

JOELLA EWING AND JANET JACOBSEN ARE LEADING A THREE-MILE EASY HIKE on the Ribbon Trail with a follow-up bowl of soup at the Lodge. Instead of trip fees bring a pair of new wool socks to be donated to the Egan Warming Centers. Last year 33 Obsidian members and guests donated 100 pairs of socks. Also bring your plate, bowl, and utensils. Call Joella at 344-9197 if you can help with the potluck soup luncheon. Signup begins around November 18.

If you have questions email Janet at bjjacobsen@comcast.net.

Carry Cans—Food for Lane County
Friday, December 20, 2019 9:00 AM

JOIN TOM RUNDLE AND OTHER OBSIDIANS AT GATE F on the south side of the Lane County Fairgrounds to walk on the Fern Ridge bike path to the Food for Lane County warehouse on Bailey Hill Road. Bring only what you can carry in your pack or just bring a lightweight check. "Carrying each other by feeding others" is the theme of this six mile walk. Please sign up online.



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